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I. Heading

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Subject: Menard Avenue Drum Site
POLREP: POLREP 1

II. Background

Site No: LR
Delivery Order No: 7460-05-171
Response Authority: CERCLA
NPL Status: Not on NPL
Start Date: January 17, 1991
State Notification: Ill. EPA
Status of Action Memorandum: Going thru sign off

III. Incident Information

A. Incident Category

CERCLA incident category: Midnight Dump

B. Situation

1. Site description

Abandon semi-trailer located at 5010 S. Menard Ave., in Stickney Township, Illinois. The area is a mix of industry and residential, with homes located within 500 feet of the trailer. The trailer has been on the street since August of 1989.

2. Incident or release

Initial inspection by IEPA indicated that 76 drums were in the trailer, samples from the end drums did not identify the materials as hazardous waste and prohibited the State from expending additional funds. No action occurred until December 14, 1990, when a fire was started at the rear of the trailer. Increased community concern as a result of the fire prompted a letter to the Regional Administrator from Congressman Lipinski's office, requesting Agency action.

C. Preliminary Assessment Results

On January 17-18, 1991, USEPA and TAT conducted an investigation/sampling action at the Menard Site. The drums were unloaded and 8 samples were collected for analysis. Hazardous substances identified include Volatile and Semi-volatile organics, and TCLP Chrome (DOO7) waste.

IV. Response Information

A. Planned Response Actions

Various product manufacturers will be contacted to assist in removing labeled product, the remaining drums will be inspected for integrity, sampled and analysed, and stored on-site while arrangements for transportation and disposal are made.

B. Status of Actions

1. Response actions to date

On January 17-18, 1991, an emergency action was conducted under a verbal authorization of \$25K, to unload the drums for inspection and sampling, overpack leakers and reload the drums.

The Action Memorandum is being finalized for sign off.

The Cook County Sheriffs Police will continue to monitor the trailer.

2. Enforcement

The individual(s) responsible for abandoning the trailer have not been identified by Local or State Police Agencies.

C. Next Steps

Efforts are underway to negotiate with the product manufacturers to assist with the removal of their material.

A second sampling action will be scheduled to obtain samples from all the drums for disposal approval.

D. Key Issues

None